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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMUNICATION ON CYPRUS

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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HANDED "NON-PAPER" ON
CYPRUS TO EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN JUNE 17. TEXT
OF THIS PAPER CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B, BEING REPEATED
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SEPARATELY TO BONN.

2. JUNE 17 DOCUMENT REPEATS SOVIET CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER UN FRAMEWORK, TAKES POTSHOT AT DISCUSSIONS WITHIN NATO CONTEXT, AND SUGGESTS "PARALLEL ACTION" WITH THE US ON CYPRUS. WHILE TIMING OF DEMARCHE MAY HAVE BEEN GEARED TO FORTHCOMING GREEK CYPRIOT ELECTIONS, IT WAS ALSO ANOTHER STEP IN CONTINUING SOVIET EFFORT TO GAIN A CYPRUS ROLE WHILE NOT OFFENDING THE GREEKS OR THE TURKS. IF THIS WAS SOVIET GOAL, THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. NEGATIVE GREEK REACTION WAS DETAILED IN ATHENS 8325, AND TURKS HAVE LONG BEEN ON RECORD AS OPPOSING INTERNATIONALIZATION.

3. THE SECRETARY HAS AUTHORIZED EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO RESPOND ORALLY TO AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AS OUT-

LINED BELOW: NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED FOR HARTMAN-DOBRYNIN MEETING.

--- WE SHARE THE SOVIET POSITION THAT A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE FOUND SOON WHICH PRESERVES THAT NATION AS AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN AND TERRITORIALLY INTEGRAL STATE.

--- WE THINK THE MOST USEFUL "PARALLEL" ACTIONS WHICH THE US AND USSR COULD TAKE AT THIS POINT WOULD BE FOR BOTH SIDES TO AVOID INFLAMING PASSIONS OR SEEKING ANY UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES IN THIS AREA. IN THIS REGARD, WE THINK BOTH SIDES SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AS THE BEST MEANS FOR PROMOTING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

--- THE PRESENT CYPRUS NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK UNDER THE PERSONAL AUSPICES OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WAS ESTABLISHED BY A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WALDHEIM'S "GOOD OFFICES" ROLE HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED IN NUMEROUS SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS.

--- IT IS EVIDENT TO US THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SEE THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK AS OFFERING THE BEST PROSPECT FOR PROGRESS ON A CYPRUS
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SETTLEMENT. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CONTINUE FULL SUPPORT FOR MR. WALDHEIM.

--- WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT ANY SETTLEMENT MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES WOULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS QUESTION WITHOUT THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES.

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